

306.32X00

10 AUG 2000
10/19/00

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FILED WITH U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)

As a below named inventor, I/we hereby declare that:

My/Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my/our name, I/we believe that I/we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Method For INcreasing The Wear Resistance Of A Work Piece

the specification of which was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/06479
filed October 13, 1998 (US Serial No. 09/529,383 - April 13, 2000)
and was amended on _____

(If applicable)

I/We hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I/We hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any provisional application(s) and any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the foreign application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Provisional and/or Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

<u>197 45 205.1</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>13/10/97</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>198 06 888.3</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>19/02/98</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u> </u> (Number)	<u> </u> (Country)	<u> </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u> </u> (Number)	<u> </u> (Country)	<u> </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u> </u> (Number)	<u> </u> (Country)	<u> </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u> </u> (Number)	<u> </u> (Country)	<u> </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)</u>

(Continued on Page 2)

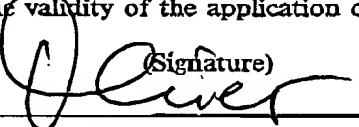
I hereby appoint as principal attorneys; Donald R. Antonelli, Reg. No. 2166; David T. Terry, Reg. No. 20,178; Melvin Kraus, Reg. No. 22,466; William I. Solomon, Reg. No. 28,565; Gregory E. Montone, Reg. No. 28,141; Ronald J. Shore, Reg. No. 28,577; Donald E. Stout, Reg. No. 26,422; Alan E. Schiavelli, Reg. No. 32,087; James N. Dresser, Reg. No. 22,973 and Carl I. Brundidge, Reg. No. 29,621 to prosecute and transact all business connected with this application and any related United States application and international applications. Please direct all communications to the following address:

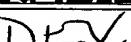
ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP
 Suite 1800
1300 North Seventeenth Street
Arlington, Virginia 22209
Telephone: (703) 312-6600
Fax: (703) 312-6666

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

(Full Name)

(Signature)

Date 30.06.00 Inventor Gerd MEIER 

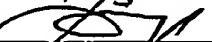
Residence Leinburg, Germany  Citizenship German

Post Office Address Diebersdorfer Hauptstraße 20a, 91227 Leinburg, Germany

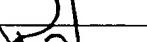
Date 30.06.00 Inventor Carsten RUBNER 

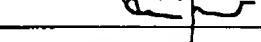
Residence Lauf, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Richard-Wagner-Straße 11, 91207 Lauf, Germany

Date 30.06.00 Inventor Peter STINGL 

Residence Lauf, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Am Seeacker 1, 91207 Lauf, Germany  

Date 30.06.00 Inventor Klaus RUBNER 

Residence Lauf, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Richard-Wagner-Straße 11, 91207 Lauf, Germany

Date _____ Inventor Helmut RADKE

Residence Nürnberg, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Beerbacher Weg 15, 90482 Nürnberg, Germany

Date _____ Inventor Steffen TEMPEL

Residence Jessen, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Untere Dorfstraße 11, 01665 Jessen, Germany

Date _____ Inventor Dietmar LEUTERITZ

Residence Winkwitz, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Winwitzer Straße 4a, 01665 Winkwitz, Germany

Date _____ Inventor _____

Residence _____ Citizenship _____

Post Office Address _____

Date _____ Inventor _____

Residence _____ Citizenship _____

Post Office Address _____

Date _____ Inventor _____

Residence _____ Citizenship _____

Post Office Address _____

I hereby appoint as principal attorneys; Donald R. Antonelli, Reg. No. 20,296; David T. Terry, Reg. No. 20,178; Melvin Kraus, Reg. No. 22,466; William I. Solomon, Reg. No. 28,565; Gregory E. Montone, Reg. No. 28,141; Ronald J. Shore, Reg. No. 28,577; Donald E. Stout, Reg. No. 26,422; Alan E. Schiavelli, Reg. No. 32,087; James N. Dresser, Reg. No. 22,973 and Carl I. Brundidge, Reg. No. 29,621 to prosecute and transact all business connected with this application and any related United States application and international applications. Please direct all communications to the following address:

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP
Suite 1800
1300 North Seventeenth Street
Arlington, Virginia 22209
Telephone: (703) 312-6600
Fax: (703) 312-6666

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

(Full Name)

(Signature)

Date _____ Inventor Gerd MEIER

Residence Leinburg, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Diebersdorfer Hauptstraße 20a, 91227 Leinburg, Germany

Date _____ Inventor Carsten RUBNER

Residence Lauf, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Richard-Wagner-Straße 11, 91207 Lauf, Germany

Date _____ Inventor Peter STINGL

Residence Lauf, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Am Seeacker 1, 91207 Lauf, Germany

Date _____ Inventor Klaus RUBNER

Residence Lauf, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Richard-Wagner-Straße 11, 91207 Lauf, Germany *DK*

Date 26.6.2000 Inventor Helmut RADKE 07.08.2000

Residence Nürnberg, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Beerbacher Weg 15, 90482 Nürnberg, Germany

Date 26.6.2000 Inventor Steffen TEMPET *Steffen Tempet*

Residence Jessen, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Untere Dorfstraße 11, 01665 Jessen, Germany *DK*

Date 26.6.2000 Inventor Dietmar LEUTERITZ *Dietmar Leuteritz*

Residence Winkwitz, Germany Citizenship German

Post Office Address Winwitzer Straße 4a, 01665 Winkwitz, Germany

Date _____ Inventor _____

Residence _____ Citizenship _____

Post Office Address _____

Date _____ Inventor _____

Residence _____ Citizenship _____

Post Office Address _____

Date _____ Inventor _____

Residence _____ Citizenship _____

Post Office Address _____